

SCOA AGM June 2017

SCOA Coaching Officer report

SCOA Coaches: The situation with recently trained Coaches: all of the 4 who were heading for completion of their Assessments have now done their Final Assessment & are now qualified Coaches; there were two SCOA members on the recent Coaching course at Longmoor: one has completed his Final Assessment & the other will be doing so in September.

On this issue, I have completed a Coaching Assessor's course with Hilary Palmer and will soon be able to help trainee Coaches complete their Final Assessment if needed.

Licensed Coaches: it was pleasing to discover that the majority of the SCOA Coaches are now also Licensed Coaches which is essential for their Insurance cover;

CPD updates: in order to continue as Licensed Coaches, Coaches have to maintain their Continued Professional Development (CPD) logs, which I am supposed to see every 3 years to pass onto BOF. This is a work in progress as it is early days in finding out who needs to do this each year – but I am working on it!

Coaching Conference: I attended the two day National Coaching Conference in late Jan 2017. This was extremely useful in learning about Coaching strategies from an elite perspective from Mark Nixon plus practical tips for using small areas from Hilary Palmer. There were also fitness tips and practice. The next Conference will be in 2019. The information received was sent to all SCOA Coaches.

SCOA Development Officer report

Follow up meeting – a follow up meeting regarding the onward progression of Juniors into main stream Orienteering was proposed for March 2017 but there was very little interest in this, this year, and the general feeling was that people were more interested in making things happen rather than sitting around to talk about it all!

Junior Development Group: The Junior Development group has been working hard on a number of issues, via Emails.

These include:

- an update of the **Badge/ Award system** – mainly regarding a simpler system via BOF but there are no conclusions as yet;
- **Yvette Baker Trophy** – concern has been raised concerning the status of and participation in the Yvette Baker competition and a trial YB Cup competition is being trialled at the YB Final this year. This means that Clubs with fewer than around 30 Juniors can enter a team where 5 results count rather than 9 as for the Trophy. There is a feeling that the Final should be much more central in the country every year to enable maximum participation;
- **Youth retention:** the latest concern is the retention of young Orienteers – the teenagers. There has been much discussion about this and I will be sharing this with the SCOA Committee for their comment when more issues have been shared within our Development Group.

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